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The after final amendment filed by applicants dated Feb. 5, 2010 will not be entered because of the following reason:

- 1. Applicants presented that the using of "THF, Toluene or a solvent mixture of toluene and alcohol wherein the reaction solvent has a volume 7 to 10 times of the compound" is an unexpected limitation based on state of the art at the time the invention was made.
- 2. The limitation was based on description on page 12 and examples 1-6 of the specification.

A survey of the specification indicated that p. 12 disclosed broadly solvent systems without any volume limitation. Examples 1-6, during hydrogenation, employed the following reaction solvents and volume:

Example 1—solvent THF 740 ml*

Example 2—mixture 560 ml toluene, 140 ml methanol*

Example 3—104 ml THF

Example 4—700 ml THF*

Example 5—104 ml THF

Example 6—mixture 560 ml toluene 140 ml methanol*.

Therefore, the limitation of 7-10 volume was found for THF or Tolumene+methanol which does not support the scope of "THF, *toluene* or mixture of toluene and alcohol".

3. The scope of "THF, <u>Toluene</u> or a solvent mixture of toluene and alcohol wherein the reaction solvent has a volume 7 to 10 times of the compound" therefore, lacks antecedent basis.